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SUBJ: SOUTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATION TALKS WITH ECHEVERRIA, RABASA

REF: MEXICO 4391

1. AS INDICATED BY FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA TWO WEEKS AGO WHEN MEXICO ESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAM, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT (PRG) OF SOUTH VIETNAM HAVE ARRIVED IN MEXICO -- REPORTEDLY AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOM -- TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. THE DELEGATION OF THREE OFFICIALS OF THE PRG IS HEADED BY DO ANH TUAN (ALSO REPORTED VO ANH TUAN.), PRG AMBASSADOR TO CUBA.

2. APPARENTLY AT TIME OF ARRIVAL OF PRG DELEGATION, PRESI-
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DENT ECHEVERRIA WAS ON ONE OF HIS FREQUENT "WORKING TOURS" OUTSIDE CAPITAL. ACCORDINGLY DELEGATION MET WITH HIM AND FONSEC RABASA AT PUERTO VALLARTA FOR "PRIVATE TALKS". FURTHER TALKS WERE REPORTEDLY PLANNED ON MAY 25 OR 26 UPON

PRESIDENT'S RETURN TO CAPITAL.

3. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, RABASA EARLIER GAVE EVERY INDICATION GOM WOULD FOLLOW ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAM BY SIMILAR ACTION RE PRG AND CAMBODIA (REPRESENTATIVES OF LATTER EXPECTED IN "TWO OR THREE MONTHS").

4. COMMENT: THERE SEEMS TO BE ALMOST UNSEEMLY HASTE ON BOTH SIDES TO ESTABLISH MEXICAN TIES WITH NVN AND PRG. ON THE MEXICAN SIDE, OF COURSE, THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE WOULD APPEAR TO BE REINFORCEMENT OF THE THIRD WORLD NONALIGNED IMAGE THE GOM HAS SOUGHT TO PROJECT. IT IS WORTH NOTING, HOWEVER, THAT ADDRESSING PEASANTS ON PRESENT WORKING TOUR AND REPORTEDLY IN PRESENCE OF PRG AMBASSADOR, ECHEVERRIA SAID THAT CONDITIONS IN MEXICO ARE BETTER THAN IN MANY COUNTRIES: (BETTER, FOR EXAMPLE, THAN) "... IN COUNTRIES WHERE A MEETING FOR OPEN DIALOGUE IS IMPOSSIBLE, IN COUNTRIES WHERE THERE ARE DICTATORSHIPS AND NO LIBERTY; IN COUNTRIES WHERE THE PEOPLE CANNOT ELECT THEIR OFFICIALS; IN COUNTRIES IN WHICH, WHATEVER THE IDEOLOGICAL IDENTITY, SOME ARE SILENT AND OBEY AND OTHERS COMMAND FROM THE DICTATORIAL SUMMIT OF POWER."
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